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1. A military storage dump is located within the Baba Vidina Kula Fortress at Vidin. Neither the exact type of materiel nor the amount located in the fortress is known, although it is of mixed type, including infantry arms and ammunition. It is believed that all materiel stored at the Fortress was brought from the Soviet Union. Various materiel is taken from this depot and transported to other depots in Bulgaria.
2. A secondary road leads from the main road running between Vidin and Gradets (at a point approximately eight kilometers from Gradets) to the state forest in this area. War materiel of unspecified type and quantity is carried by truck from Vidin to the forest along this secondary road. Since the road is impassable to trucks beyond a certain point, the materiel is transferred from the trucks to carts and is then transported to an unknown point in the state forest. Troops are located in the state forest and the entire area is off limits to unauthorized personnel.
3. One kilometer east of Belogradchik there is a military depot; the quantity and type of materiel stored here is not known. Materiel is stored in warehouses camouflaged by a forest. The depot is under constant military guard.
4. East of the village of Mezdra, at a point approximately 50 (sic) kilometers west of the railroad line at the village of Pazarishte (sic), there is an underground storage depot built in 1951. The type and quantity of materiel stored there are not known.
5. Two kilometers west of Vratsa there are three storehouses. Ten kilometers west of Vratsa there are six more depots situated at a point below the mountain.

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massif in the area. The quantity and type of materiel stored in these places is not known.

6. Approximately 500 meters from the military barracks at Berkovici (sic)¹ there is a valley in which are located three buildings where military materiel is stored. These buildings are each five meters high and five-and-a-half meters wide.
7. Two kilometers west of the village of Gintsi (N4305 E2305), Godech District, there is a depot of military materiel which is constantly under military guard. The materiel is stored in two buildings twelve meters by six meters. The depot has a telephone connection with the military garrison of Berkovici.
8. The storage depot of 4 Bulgarian Army is located south of the village of Opit-svet (N4252 E2306) at a point five kilometers southeast of Slivnitsa. Approximately 600 meters from this depot there are between 10 and 12 buildings in which military materiel is stored. These buildings were built in 1948 and each one of them is eight meters by six meters. The entire area is surrounded by an electrified fence.
9. Approximately 300 meters north of the railroad station of Slivnitsa (N4251 E2301), German Army erected two cement buildings in 1944. Each building is 30 meters long and eight meters wide. The use these buildings are being put to at present is not known.
10. Approximately 800 meters east of the railroad station of Slivnitsa the German Army erected two cement buildings in 1944. Each building is 40 meters long and eight meters wide. These buildings are being used as storehouses for arms and ammunition.
11. During June 1952, construction of a large depot was begun between the villages of Krapchene (N4323 E2318) and Banya (N4325 E2317), at a place called Livadski Dol. Sixty Trudovaks are employed in this construction work. The depot is being built underground of stone and cement. The area in the immediate vicinity of the construction site is forested.
12. Approximately 800 meters west of Pernika (sic)² an underground powder magazine is located in a small wooded area which is approximately 1.5 kilometers square. This magazine is believed to contain large quantities of dynamite and of allied explosives used in mining.
13. An underground depot surrounded by eight guard posts is located on the outskirts of Sofia, between the Lozenac quarter of the city and the village of Dragolevac.³ Between the Benisera (sic) and the Nadezhda quarters of the city, in the vicinity of the Central Prison, there is a gasoline storage depot. Approximately three kilometers south of Sofia, there are between 15 and 20 buildings, each between six and seven meters long, in which quantities of the following materiel are stored: antitank mines, cartridges of different caliber, powder charges for artillery shells, hand grenades, and bottles of inflammatory oils. The buildings are 50 meters apart and some are being used by an antiaircraft regiment in Sofia.
14. One and one-half kilometers from the village of Malo Buchino (N4241 E2310), Sofia okoliya, there are two storehouses, one of which contains military supplies and the other munitions. Each building is four meters by five meters; they were built in 1950.

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15. The depot of 9 Tank Division is located at the village of Mala Konevitsa, in the vicinity of Sofia. Stored here are shells and cartridges of many calibers, as well as unspecified explosives. This depot is located on a mountain, and to the east of the depot there is an entrenched anti-aircraft battery. This depot is made up of eight areas, not identified more clearly, three of which are underground. Within sight of these areas there is a bunker built of reinforced concrete.
16. Approximately one kilometer south of the railroad station of Gara Kostenets (N4218 E2352), on the Sofia-Plovdiv line, there is a large military depot comprising 10 buildings each of which is 20 meters by 10 meters. During March 1952, an undetermined number of shipments were made from this depot to Sofia and Plovdiv.

1. Comment: Probably a reference to Brakovtsi (N4303 E2310) or Berkovitsa (N4316 E2306). 50X1-HUM
2. Comment: Probably a reference to Pernik (N4236 E2302). 50X1-HUM
3. Comment: Probably a reference to Dragalevtsi (N4238 E2319).

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